

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: The Deconstruction Crew

“I love the smell of decon in the morning!” quips Bob as his cohorts Sandy and Dannie chuckle. On this warm Wednesday morning in early September, they are volunteering to do something for HFHSL that might surprise you; they’re deconstructing a house!

The three men have been volunteering together for several years as a deconstruction crew, helping to tear out kitchen cabinets, doors, shelving and other items which are then sold at the ReStore. It’s a little-known service provided by HFHSL, which can benefit both renovating homeowners and HFHSL’s efforts to fund and build affordable housing in our community.

While many of the houses worked on by the deconstruction crew are privately owned, this vacant property in Frontenac is owned by Duke Homes LLC, a real estate development firm. “We are careful to recycle and repurpose materials whenever possible,” says Duke Homes business development specialist Angie Denson. “Having HFHSL begin the deconstruction process saves us time and



money. We are thrilled to know that what we donate will help others within the St. Louis Community.”

By noon, Sandy, Dannie and Bob have taken out a whole kitchen as well as some doors and a light fixture, all of which were picked up by the ReStore later in the afternoon. A job well done, the three men turn their attention to important business...where to have lunch!

If you are interested in learning more about HFHSL’s deconstruction services, please contact Josh Vaughn at [josh@habitatstl.org](mailto:josh@habitatstl.org).



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